GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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STATE HEALTH SYSTEM PROJECTS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government provide assistance to frame State Health System Projects in order to improve the conditions of districts and sub-district hospitals;

(b) if so, the details of assistance provided to Maharashtra under the Scheme during each of the last three years; and

(c) the steps taken to improve the conditions of districts and sub-districts hospitals all over the country?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a): The Government does not have any scheme of providing assistance to States for framing State Health Systems Development Projects. However, on request from States, Planning Commission or WHO is approached to provide financial assistance.

(b): The State of Maharashtra has been sanctioned the World Bank aided State Health Systems Development Project from January, 1999 for a period of 6 years. The objective of this project is to improve efficiency in the health care system of the State. The total assistance being provided from the World Bank is US$ 134 million. The disbursement for the last 3 years are:

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1999-2000  - Nil
2000-2001  - $1.22 million
2001-2002  - $9.60 million
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(c): Health is a State subject, and as such, it is the responsibility of the respective State Government to improve the conditions of districts and sub-districts hospitals. However, State governments have been requested to prepare Health Systems Development Projects for World Bank assistance. So far, such projects have been sanctioned for seven States; Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, West Bengal, Orissa, Punjab, Maharashtra and Uttar Pradesh.